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In response to Office Action of October 21, 2003, please enter the following response.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A container assembly comprising a closure for an open-ended container, [and an open-ended container], the container assembly comprising:
 - (i) a flexible membrane for closing the open end of the container[.];
 - (ii) a seal [provided, in use of the closure,] between the flexible membrane and the [a] container; [and]
 - (iii) a rigid cap having a resiliently deformable member juxtaposed to the flexible membrane [in use of the closure, the resiliently deformable member,] such that when the cap is in use, [pressing] the flexible membrane is pressed against the container in the vicinity of the seal, thereby